

Privileges and Elections.—Senator Camp, Chairman; Senators Stinson, Houston of Wheeler, Garrison, Douglass.

Public Buildings and Grounds.—Senator Glasscock, Chairman; Senators Getzendaner, Peacock, Bell, Pfeuffer, Fowler, Jerdone.

Rules.—Senator Hall, Chairman; Senators Houston of Bexar, Fowler, Jones, Peacock.

Insurance, Statistics and History.—Senator Garrison, Chairman; Senators Perry, Johnson, Getzendaner, Farrar.

Judicial Districts.—Senator Fowler, Chairman; Senators Bell, Kleberg, Camp, Farrar.

Engrossed Bills.—Senator Bell, Chairman; Senators Camp, Stinson, Calhoun, Harrison.

Enrolled Bills.—Senator Fowler, Chairman; Senators Kleberg, Terrell, Douglass, Traylor.

By leave,

Senator Jones introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'an act to provide for the payment of the expenses of attached witnesses in felony cases,' approved April 23, 1883."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

The President appointed the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to receive and distribute mail.

Senator Kleberg, by leave, introduced "A bill to prescribe the times of holding district courts in the thirty-sixth judicial district of Texas."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator Jones moved an adjournment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Withdrawn.

Senator Peacock offered the following :

Resolved, That each member of the Senate be allowed to subscribe for and take as many as fifty copies of such daily papers as he may select, to be paid for out of the contingent funds of the Senate, at not exceeding 3 cents per copy, provided that such newspapers shall publish the full proceedings of both Houses of each day, or a substantial and intelligent synopsis of the same.

The following substitute for the resolution of Senator Peacock was offered by Senator Pfeuffer.

Resolved, That each member of the Senate be furnished with fifty copies the daily Legislative Record, containing the proceedings of the Senate, to be placed on the Senator's desks during the morning session.

Withdrawn.

Senator Houston of Bexar moved the previous question on the pending resolution.

Motion seconded,

Main question ordered, and

Resolution adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Camp,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Davis,	Kilgore,	Stinson,
Evans,	Peacock,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Perry,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Pope,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Randolph,	

NAYS—13.

Bell,	Hall,	Jones,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Kleberg,
Douglass,	Houston of Bexar,	Kniittel,
Farrar,	Johnson,	Pfeuffer,
Fowler,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Senator Woods offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be required to furnish each Senator with a copy of the rules of the Senate of the Eighteenth Legislature.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Perry,

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 15, 1885.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Martin in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Kleberg,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Jones,

Doorkeeper A. J. Dorn was excused to attend the funeral of General Wm. Steele.

Senator Traylor, for special committee, made the following majority report under the call for reports of special committees:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 14, 1885.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your special committee, appointed to ascertain what Senate employees are necessary, in addition to those already elected, and to recommend the compensation which they should allow, have considered the subject, and a majority of your committee instruct me to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate shall appoint a Postmaster, three porters, and three pages; and the chairmen of Judiciary Committee No. 1, of Judiciary Committee No. 2, and of the Finance Committee shall each have the power to appoint a committee clerk whenever, in his judgment, his services may be necessary, which clerks shall also be required to do general committee work when not engaged on their respective committees; that the porters and pages be allowed two dollars per day each, and the others named receive the same pay as the Senators. It is believed that in the earlier part of the session no other employees than those named will be required, and if exigencies shall hereafter arise requiring others, they can be provided for at that time.

TRAYLOR,
For Majority Committee.

Senator Johnson presented the following minority report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 14, 1885.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate.

Your special committee, appointed to ascertain what Senate employees are necessary, in addition to those already elected, and to recommend the compensation which they shall receive, have considered the subject, and I, differing from a majority of your committee, respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the duties of Postmaster be given to the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and that the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms be ex-officio Postmaster of the Senate, and that the President of the Senate shall appoint three committee clerks, whose duty it shall be to serve any committee when their services are required, and also appoint three porters and two pages; that the committee clerks shall receive \$3.50 per day, and the porters and pages receive \$1.50 per day.

Resolved further, That further services may be engaged when required by the business.

JOHN JOHNSON,
Minority.

Message was received from the House announcing that the House is organized and now ready for business.

The majority report was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,	Harrison,	Pfeuffer,
Camp,	Houston of Bexar,	Randolph,
Davis,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Douglass,	Kilgore,	Stinson,
Fowler,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Knittle,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Peacock,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—8.

Calhoun,	Hall,	Perry,
Evans,	Johnson,	Pope.
Farrar,	Jones,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Senator Kleberg offered an amendment, as follows:

Amend by adding that the Committees on Education and Penitentiaries shall also be entitled to a clerk.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Douglass,	Houston of Wheel'r	Perry,
Glasscock,	Kleberg,	Pfeuffer,
Houston of Bexar,	Knittle,	Woods.

NAYS—21.

Bell,	Garrison,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Getzendaner,	Pope,
Camp,	Hall,	Randolph,
Davis,	Harrison,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnson,	Stinson,
Farrar,	Jones,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Traylor.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Senator Harrison offered to amend by paying pages and porters one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Lost by the following:

YEAS—9.

Bell,	Evans,	Johnson,
Calhoun,	Hall,	Kilgore,
Camp,	Harrison,	Pfeuffer.

NAYS—20.

Davis,	Houston of Wheeler,	Randolph,
Douglass,	Jones,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Kleberg,	Stinson,
Fowler,	Knittle,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Peacock,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Perry,	Woods.
Houston of Bexar,	Pope,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone, Pfeuffer.

The following was offered by Senator Perry:

Amend the resolution so as to allow the President of the Senate to appoint one committee clerk to serve any committee needing his services.

Lost.

Senator Evans offered to amend by inserting:

That the pay of committee clerks and Postmaster shall be three dollars per day.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS—2.

Evans,	Perry.
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NAYS—27.

Bell,	Hall,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Perry,
Camp,	Houston of Bexar,	Pope,
Douglass,	Houston of Wheeler,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Jones,	Stinson,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Knittle,	Woods.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone, Pfeuffer.

The resolution of the majority adopted.

Under the resolution the President made the following appointments:

For Postmaster, Byron Drew, of Kaufman.

Pages: Eddie Jones, John Marrow and Earnest Holland.

Porters: Sam Miller, Dennis Watkins and Lee Blocker.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced:

By Senator Kleberg:

Joint resolution amending sections two, five and seven of the Constitution.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Shannon:

A bill entitled "An act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of members and the per diem pay of officers and employees of the Nineteenth Legislature."

Referred to Finance Committee.

By Senator Fowler:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 685 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill to be entitled "An act to repeal articles 547 and 548 of the Penal Code."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 441 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Perry:

A bill to be entitled "An act to give orders of sale foreclosing liens upon real estate the force and effect of writs of possession."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Harrison:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend and carry into effect article 4238 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

A bill entitled "An act to amend and carry into effect article 4170 of the Revised Statutes of Texas."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Randolph:

A bill entitled "An act to amend chapter two (2) of title twenty (20) of an act entitled 'An act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas,' which was presented to the Governor for his approval on the 25th day of February, 1879, and became a law without his signature, and to add to said chapter articles 574a, 574b and 574c."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

A bill entitled "An act to detect and punish hog thieves."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill entitled "An act to amend article 722, chap-

ter 8, title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill entitled "An act to amend article 4411 of the Revised Civil Statutes."

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

A bill entitled "An act to authorize the transfer of occupation licenses."

Referred to Finance Committee.

By Senator Evans:

A bill to be entitled "An act to abolish the office of Fish Commissioner, and dispose of all fish ponds and all other property connected with or belonging to the fish department."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend Article 339, chapter 4, title 10, of the Penal Code."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill to be entitled "An act to prescribe the number of copies of each day's proceedings of the two houses of the Legislature while in session, and to provide for the printing of the same."

Referred to Committee on Printing.

By Senator Terrell:

A bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 21 of the General Laws of Texas, passed by the Eighteenth Legislature at its called session, and approved February 6, 1884, by adding section 3, relating to the destruction of fences and punishment therefor."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill entitled "An act to repeal article 323, and to amend articles 318, 319, 320, 321 and 322 of title 9, chapter 4, of the Penal Code, relating to unlawfully carrying arms."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Davis:

"An act to prescribe the times and places of holding the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

A bill to be entitled "An act to regulate reservations in sales of personal property."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

"An act to further regulate the waiver of service and the confession of judgments in civil suits."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

A bill to be entitled "An act to fix the venue of suits for the wrongful or malicious suing out of attachments."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

"An act to amend articles 730 and 731 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Camp:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3602, chapter 13, of the General Laws of Texas, passed by the called session of the Seventeenth Legislature approved May 4, A. D. 1882, relating to the hiring of county convicts."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Johnson:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 145, chapter 1, title 6, Civil Code State of Texas, relating to penalties for bribing and influencing electors."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Kleberg:

A bill entitled "An act to amend article 636, title 8, chapter 3, of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 635, Code of Criminal Procedure."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 652, Code of Criminal Procedure."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Woods:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 317, chapter 3, title 9, of the Penal Code."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

A bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 2430, chapter 4, title 42, of 'An act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas.'"

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Traylor:

"An act to amend chapter 3 of title 17 of the Penal Code, by adding after article 684, articles 684a and 684b."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

"An act to amend article 870 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding thereto articles 870a and 870b."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Pope:

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to article 6, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Getzendaner:

A bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the investment of the permanent free school fund."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Garrison moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution of Senator Peacock, to-wit,

Resolved, That each member of the Senate be allowed to subscribe for and take as many as fifty copies of such daily papers as he may select, to be paid for out of the contingent funds of the Senate, at not exceeding 3 cents per copy, provided that such newspaper shall publish the full proceedings of both Houses of each day, or a substantial and intelligent synopsis of the same,

was on yesterday adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

YEAS—16.

Bell,	Hall,	Kleberg,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Knittle,
Douglass,	Houston of Bexar,	Perry,
Farrar,	Johnson,	Pfeuffer,
Fowler,	Jones,	Woods.
Garrison,		

NAYS—14.

Camp,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Davis,	Kilgore,	Stinson,
Evans,	Peacock,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Pope,	Traylor.
Glasscock,	Randolph,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

Senator Perry moved to amend by striking out "fifty" and inserting "twenty-five."

Senator Kleberg offered an amendment to the amendment of Senator Perry by striking out "twenty-five" and inserting "one."

Senator Pope moved the previous question on the amendments.

Motion seconded, and

Main question ordered.

Amendment of Senator Kleberg was lost by vote of 13 to 17, as follows:

YEAS—13.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Douglass,
Fowler,
Garrison,

Hall,
Harrison,
Johnson,
Jones,

Kleberg,
Knittle,
Pfeuffer,
Woods.

NAYS—17.

Camp,
Davis,
Evans,
Farrar,
Getzendaner,
Glasscock,

Houston of Bexar,
Houston of Wheeler,
Kilgore,
Peacock,
Perry,
Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stinson,
Terrell,
Traylor.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

The amendment of Senator Perry was voted on.

There being a tie vote, the President voted in the affirmative, adopting the amendment, as follows:

YEAS—15.

Beall,
Calhoun,
Douglass,
Farrar,
Garrison,

Glasscock,
Hall,
Harrison,
Houston of Bexar,
Johnson,

Jones,
Kleberg,
Knittle,
Perry,
Pfeuffer.

NAYS—15.

Camp,
Davis,
Evans,
Fowler,
Getzendaner,

Houston of Wheeler,
Kilgore,
Peacock,
Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stinson,
Terrell,
Traylor,
Woods.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone.

The resolution as amended was voted on and lost, to-wit:

YEAS—7.

Evans,
Farrar,
Glasscock,

Houston of Bexar,
Kilgore,

Perry,
Terrell.

NAYS—23.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Camp,
Davis,
Douglass,
Fowler,
Garrison,
Getzendaner,

Hall,
Harrison,
Houston of Wheeler,
Johnson,
Jones,
Kleberg,
Knittle,
Peacock,

Pfeuffer,
Pope,
Randolph,
Shannon,
Stinson,
Traylor,
Woods.

Senator Davis moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken and that the matter be laid on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Davis,
Douglass,
Farrar,
Fowler,
Garrison,
Getzendaner,

Glasscock,
Hall,
Harrison,
Houston of Wheeler,
Johnson,
Jones,
Kilgore,
Kleberg,

Knittle,
Peacock,
Perry,
Pfeuffer,
Pope,
Shannon,
Traylor,
Woods.

NAYS—6.

Camp,
Evans,

Houston of Bexar,
Randolph,
Stinson,
Terrell.

By leave,

Senator Shannon introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to further provide for the regulation of railroads,' abolishing the office of State railroad engineer, his clerk, salaries, etc."

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Jones moved that Senator Douglass be excused indefinitely on account of sickness.

Adopted.

Senator Jerdone, on motion of Senator Jones, was excused for the day.

The following communication was received from the Comptroller:

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER.
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 14, 1885.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate Nineteenth Legislature, Austin, Texas:

SIR:—I have the honor to hand you the following statement in obedience to section 25 of an act passed in February, 1884, to establish and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas, etc., which section provides that the "Comptroller shall, on or before the meeting of each regular session of the Legislature, report to the Legislature an estimate of the amount of the available school fund to be received for the succeeding two years, and which may be subject to appropriation for the establishment and support of public schools, and the several sources from which the same accrue."

ESTIMATE.

Advalorem school tax of 12½ cents on the \$100.....	753,826
Educational poll tax.....	315,664
One-fourth of the occupation taxes.....	211,000
Interest on county bonds held by the permanent school fund.....	104,622
Interest on State bonds held by the permanent school fund.....	117,900
Interest on railroad bonds held by the permanent school fund.....	95,000
Interest on land notes.....	479,616
Receipts from transactions of the Land Board (estimate from the Land Board).....	325,000
Interest on (\$82,168.82) bonds yet so be provided for to August 31, 1883.....	68,123
Interest on probable investments of the permanent school fund.....	10,000

Total \$2,490,751

Deduct estimated losses in collecting, as follows, namely:

Insolvent poll taxes.....	\$100,000
Cost of assessing and collecting, delinquents, insolvents, errors, sales, etc.....	150,000—
	250,000

Net total for one year..... \$2,330,751
Multiplying the above estimate for 1 year by two (less the item of interest on \$82,168.82 bonds) we have the probable receipts for school purposes for the next two years..... \$4,393,379

In the above estimate no deduction is made for any default in payment of interest on the land notes held by the permanent school fund, nor has any increase in taxable values for 1885 and 1886 been considered.

In this connection I beg respectfully to call attention to the appropriation made at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature to pay interest and principal of bonds belonging to the school fund which had been classed as of doubtful validity.

It will be remembered that an appropriation was made from the funds received from the sale of public domain to pay this class of bonds, viz: \$330,367.13 and interest, aggregating \$431,781.58; \$82,168.82 and interest, aggregating \$150,292.46, belonging to the permanent school fund; and \$134,472.26 with interest, aggregating \$256,272.57 belonging to the permanent university fund.

The amount of revenue received from the sale of public domain has not been sufficient to pay the whole of this class of bonds, and \$82,168.82 with interest, amounting to \$150,292.46, belonging to the permanent school fund, is yet unpaid. There is now in the treasury to the credit of the land sales fund \$95,001.88, which is sufficient to pay either the principal or interest, but not both.

It is thought advisable that the principal of the bonds (\$82,168.82) be paid first, in order that the funds may be invested in interest-bearing securities, thereby increasing the available fund by the amount of the interest on the investment. After payment of the principal of the bonds, there will be left of the land sales fund \$13,433.09, which can be applied

to the payment of the interest on the bonds, leaving the amount of interest to be provided from some other source, \$54,690.58.

Attention is also called to the frequent complaints made to this department that the school fund apportioned to the several counties is not received in time to meet promptly the expenses of the schools. This arises from the fact that the amount of school fund apportioned to the counties is not in the State treasury at the time the apportionment is made.

Under the system now in force the apportionment is made in July of each year, not from the amount already in the State treasury, but is based upon an estimate of what will be received during the next year. The county treasurers are notified of this apportionment as soon as made, and certificates sent to them showing the amounts due their counties respectively. The schools are opened in advance of the collection of the taxes, and expenses accrue before there is money in hand to meet them. The difficulties of our present system of paying to the several counties their pro rata of the school fund are more apparent now than at any other time. Heretofore the large cash balance in the State treasury to the revenue account permitted an advance by the collectors of taxes to the school fund of all the taxes collected by them until the whole amount due the counties was paid. The certificates so paid by the collectors were then returned by them, and the fund withdrawn from the treasury by warrant on the school fund and distributed to the several accounts for which they were collected. These temporary advances were not embarrassing to the treasury, for the reason that the large surplus of revenue on hand prevented any danger of suspension of cash payment of warrants.

Having now no surplus on hand with which to tide the treasury over any temporary suspension of receipts, an advance to the counties of any part of the revenue would render it impossible for the Treasurer to have at all times sufficient funds with which to meet current demands on the treasury. The collectors are now directed to pay on the certificates held by the county treasurers only the school taxes collected by them, and in no case to use any part of the revenue tax in payment of the certificates.

The school tax is not collected fast enough in sufficient amount to meet the demands of the schools upon the county treasurers, hence the complaints which are being constantly made to this department.

This office has no data as to the amount necessary annually for the support of the public free schools.

Respectfully,

WM. J. SWAIN, Comptroller.

The following message was received from the House:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to act with a like committee appointed by the Senate, for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for counting the vote for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, and for making arrangements for the inauguration of these officers.

Adopted January 15, 1885. Committee consisting of Pendleton of Bell, Cravens and Bishop.

A. D. SADLER,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Senator Shannon moved that a committee be appointed by the President to act with the committee from the House in counting the vote for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

Carried, and

Senators Terrell, Shannon and Kilgore were appointed on the committee.

The following communication was received from the Governor and read:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I perform the painful duty of informing the two houses of the recent deaths of Colonel H. P. Brewster and General W. Steele. Both have been distinguished citizens, and have held important offices in the State.

Colonel Brewster came to Texas a mere youth, and has been intimately connected with the Texas government in various ways most of his life. At the time of his death, on December 28, 1884, he held the office of Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History.

General Steele, long a resident of the State, and for several years Adjutant-General, died on the twelfth instant at San Antonio.

I recommend suitable measures in honor of these distinguished men.

JOHN IRELAND,
Governor of Texas.

On motion of Senator Houston of Bexar, The communication was referred to the Committee on State Affairs, with the request that said committee report to the Senate the proper action to be taken in relation to the subject matter thereof.

By leave,

Senator Kleberg introduced a bill, "An act for the relief of W. S. Booth."

Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts. Senator Shannon moved that the Senate adjourn till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The motion carried, and the Senate adjourned accordingly.

FOURTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 16, 1885. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Martin in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Randolph,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Senator Traylor, for the Finance Committee, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 15, 1885.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 13, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of members, and the per diem pay of officers and employees of the Nineteenth Legislature," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TRAYLOR, Chairman.

Senator Terrell made the following report for the special joint committee:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 15, 1885.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate, and Hon. L. L. Foster, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint committee appointed to arrange the time, place and manner of opening and publishing the election returns for the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of this State, and to make all necessary arrangements for the inauguration and installation of said officers, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The said returns shall be opened and published in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, at 11 o'clock a. m., January 16, A. D. 1885, in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

2. The Senate shall assemble in joint session with the House of Representatives, in the Hall of the House, at 12 o'clock m., on Tuesday, January 20, A. D. 1885, to witness the inauguration and installation of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect; and that Judge A. S. Walker administer the oath of office to those officials; and that the public generally be invited to be present at the inauguration.

J. O. TERRELL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
GEO. C. PENDLETON,
Chairman House Committee.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced:

By Senator Johnson:

A bill to be entitled "An act to repeal articles